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YOU DEAL WITH POWERS YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND, CLOAK.
I KNOW NOT THEIR SOURCE, BUT I KNOW THEIR NATURE.
THEY ARE BEYOND YOUR CONTROL. CAN'T YOU SEE THAT?
IS THAT SO, MAGICIAN?
THEY SEEM MORE THAN A MATCH FOR YOUR ABILITIES.
IT IS ONLY THE TALENTS OF DOCTOR STRANGE THAT MAY SAVE YOUR FRIEND FROM HIMSELF.
THESE SHADOW FORCES POSSESS YOU, CLOAK.
THEY WILL CONSUME YOU IN THE END.
YOU AND ANYONE CLOSE TO YOU.

GUNNNNH! — WE SEEK ONLY TO SAVE YOU —

— YOUR ONLY HOPE — — IS TO SEE THE *TRUTH* IN WHAT I SAY —

I CANNOT STAND BY.

NO, SHANG — CLOAK IS TOO *DANGEROUS.*

THIS CREATURE WILL *MURDER* DOCTOR STRANGE.

AND HE HOLDS OUR COMRADES *CAPTIVE* WITHIN HIM.

DAREDEVIL, BLACK WIDOW AND MOON KNIGHT *DISAPPEARED* INTO HIS DARKNESS.

STAY BACK, BOTH OF YOU.

THERE IS NOTHING YOU MIGHT DO TO AID ME OR RESCUE THE OTHERS.

ha ha ha ha ha ha!

THERE IS NO HOPE FOR THEM. NO RESCUE.

THEY ARE WHERE ALL WHO OPPOSE ME RESIDE.

A PLACE OF MY CREATION TO IMPRISON THE EVIL OF THIS CITY.

"A PLACE FROM WHICH THEY WILL NEVER RETURN."

ANY OPTIONS HERE, PEOPLE?

TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING, 'TASHA. I'M STILL — HAVING DIFFICULTIES.

WE'RE SURROUNDED. AN UGLY MOB OF HOODS AS far AS THE EYE CAN SEE.

I'M BLIND. REALLY BLIND, 'TASHA.

MY EXTRA SENSES ARE SHUT DOWN OR SHUT OFF.

THEN DO AS I SAY —

— TO YOUR RIGHT, DAREDEVIL!

GOT HIM!

THE COLOR COMMENTARY'S NICE, WIDOW, BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

SHUT UP AND FOLLOW ME, MOON KNIGHT.

IT'S ME, DARLING.

UH?

I NEED THIS A SECOND.

KRSSSSSSSH

COME ON!

I KNOW THIS STORE.

SALE 99.90

DO YOU?

THIS ISN'T THE MADISON AVENUE I REMEMBER.

JUST FOLLOW ME, DAREDEVIL. WE'LL LOSE THEM IN HERE.

WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS PLACE?

IT'S THE WORLD *INSIDE* OF TYRONE'S CLOAK.

THIS IS WHERE HE'S BEEN SENDING CRIMINALS ALL THIS TIME.

HIS OWN *PRIVATE* PURGATORY.

SOUNDS LIKE THE *"CITIZENS"* HAVE STOPPED CHASING US.

"THEY MUST HAVE FOUND *EASIER* PREY.

"THEN THIS IS NEW YORK CITY, POPULATED BY THE WORST OF THE *WORST*.

VRSSSSH

VRSSSSH

VRSSSSH

"IT'S ALL CHAOS ALL OF THE TIME.

WOOM WOOM WOOM

"AND WE'RE THE NEW FISH, THE BOTTOM OF THE FOOD CHAIN."

WHRAAAM

"I WONDER WHO'S AT THE *TOP*."

WE DON'T REALLY HAVE *TIME* FOR IDLE SPECULATION, MOON KNIGHT.

EXCUSE ME FOR *LIVING*.

BUT I HAVE *ANOTHER* QUESTION.

WHAT'S WITH DAREDEVIL? HE'S ACTING LIKE HE'S *BLIND*.

HE'S DISORIENTED. HE'S NOT *USED* TO THIS SORT OF THING.

WHO *IS*?

LOOK, DAREDEVIL WILL BE *FINE*. HE ---

I CAN *SPEAK* FOR MYSELF, 'TASHA.

REALLY?

THEN YOU'RE ON YOUR *OWN*. TRY NOT TO TRIP OVER YOUR STUPID *PRIDE*.

HEY -- IS THERE SOMETHING BETWEEN YOU TWO?

THERE *WAS*. A LONG *TIME* AGO.

DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG *WAY*, FRIEND.

BUT YOU'D *HAVE* TO BE BLIND TO LET SOMEONE LIKE *THAT* GO.

MIND YOUR OWN *BUSINESS*, MOON KNIGHT.

SOME TEAM SPIRIT *WE'VE* GOT HERE.

PRETTY LADY...

CAN YOU HELP ME, PRETTY LADY?

CAN YOU HELP?

СКОАВКО...

PLEASE... PLEASE...

RUMBLING. LIKE THUNDER.

IS THAT A *TRAIN* I HEAR?

NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR *HEARING*, RED.

BUT THERE'S SOMETHING *NOT* RIGHT ABOUT THIS TRAIN.

I NEVER KNEW THE "E" TO HAVE *TWO* HEADLAMPS.

WHAT *IS* IT?

THIS ISN'T HAPPENING...

NO...

RUMMMBBBBBB

GRRRUMMMBBB

I -- I -- I DON'T HAVE THE WORDS.

IT'S BIG, RED!

REALLY, REALLY BIG!

TO: JACK K. & STEVE D.

"AND REALLY, REALLY UGLY."

WEEEEOOOOO

IT'S A FREAK CALL! ISN'T THIS A COLLAR FOR CODE BLUE?

WELL, THEY'RE NOT HERE, ARE THEY?

IT'S JUST ONE CREEP IN A CAPE. WE GOT IT.

WE'LL HANDLE THIS.

LET'S SEE YOUR HANDS, PAL! SHOW 'EM!

YOU FOLKS GET CLEAR, OKAY?

POLICE

MY HANDS? YOU WANT TO SEE MY HANDS?

AS YOU WISH.

YEAH. KEEP 'EM IN PLAIN SIGHT.

THAT'S IT! TAKE HIM DOWN!

BLAM BLAM BLAM

YOU WANT TO ARREST ME?

YOU WANT TO CAGE ME?

YOU THINK YOU'RE THE LAW?

I'M THE LAW!

I AM JUSTICE!

I AM THE FINAL VERDICT!

SHANG-CHI!
NO!
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
IF YOU WERE EVER HUMAN —
— IF YOU EVER CARED FOR DAGGER —
GUH!
— THIS MUST END NOW!
UH!

UNNH!

THAT HURT.

VERY BRAVE. POINTLESS, BUT BRAVE.

UNGH!

COMPARED TO MY WRATH, YOUR SKILLS ARE NOTHING!

THERE'S NO STOPPING H.M. HE'S LOSING HIS MIND.

MORE THAN THAT -- HIS SOUL -- HE CAN BE REDEEMED --

WHAT CAN WE DO?

DISTRACT HIM -- I MUST FACE HIS DEMON WITHIN --

SAVE HIM AND -- FIND THE OTHERS --

CLOAK!

YOU HAVE TO *STOP* THIS! WE'RE TRYING TO *HELP* YOU!

UMMM...

YOUR LIGHT WAS ONCE *ENOUGH* TO END MY HUNGER. NO *MORE*. I HAVE *EMBRACED* THE DARK. I CRAVE JUSTICE — I CRAVE *VENGEANCE*.

EVEN *YOU* ATTACK ME, TANDY?

IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE YOU *LISTEN!*

HOW CAN YOU *TRUST* THEM — TRUST *ANYONE?*

DAREDEVIL. BLACK WIDOW. MOON KNIGHT.

CAN YOU *HEAR* ME?

"OR HAVE YOU BECOME *ONE* WITH THE SHADOWS?"

WHAT *NOW?*

WE GET *OUT* OF HERE.

TRUST US, WE'RE *TOAST* IF WE DON'T.

THIS IS *ONE* RUSH HOUR CRUSH WE WON'T SURVIVE.

THIS TYRONE KID'S BEEN *BUSY.*

WE CAN'T JUST KEEP RUNNING. THERE'S TOO MANY.

GET BACK UP TO THE STREET. I'LL DELAY THEM.

GO!

WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM!

YOU *HEARD* WHAT HE SAID. IT'S WHAT HE WANTS.

WE'RE ALL DEAD *ANYWAY* UNLESS WE FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE.

I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT I DON'T THINK THERE *IS* AN EXIT.

YOU SOUND SO *SURE*.

I'M TELLING YOU THAT I DON'T THINK ANY OF THIS IS *REAL*.

THAT'S WHY I'M NOT SENSING ANYTHING.

THERE'S NOTHING *TO* SENSE. NONE OF THIS IS REALLY *HERE*.

I HOPE YOU'RE *RIGHT* ABOUT THAT.

I *PRAY* YOU'RE RIGHT.

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SPOTLIGHT:

DOW JONE

YOU WANT REVENGE? AGAINST WHO?

THE WICKED. THE UNCARING. ANYONE WHO *HURT* US.

SOMEONE MUST PAY FOR WHAT WE'VE *BECOME*.

BUT WE'VE *HAD* OUR REVENGE, AND IT DIDN'T CHANGE *ANYTHING*.

WE STOPPED BEFORE WE WERE THROUGH.

IT'S NOT JUST THE ANIMALS WHO DRUGGED US AND ALTERED US.

IT'S *DEEPER* THAN THAT. IT'S THE WORLD THAT *BRED* THEM.

SEARCH YOUR *HEART*, TYRONE.

LOOK WAY *INSIDE* AND SEE THAT THIS IS WRONG.

PLEASE...

NO...

YOU'RE SO NAÏVE, TANDY.

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

"THE WORLD IS VENAL. THERE IS NO GOOD IN IT.

"EVERYWHERE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES.

"THEY MAY SMILE TO GET FROM US WHAT THEY DESIRE.

UNNH!

"BUT IN THE END THEY WILL TAKE IT.

"IT'S SURVIVAL.

"IT'S LIFE AND DEATH.

"and between the two is *pain.*"

I FEEL LIKE A COWARD, 'TASHA.

WHAT COULD WE HAVE *DONE*, MATT? *SPECTOR* KNEW THE RISKS.

NATASHA ROMANOV?

STRANGE?

IN MY *ASTRAL* FORM.

I *REASONED* YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE AND HEAR ME ON THIS PLANE OF PHANTOMS.

COME WITH ME AND I WILL SHOW YOU THE *TRUTH* OF THIS WORLD.

WE'RE *JUMPING*, DAREDEVIL. CAN YOU FOLLOW MY *VOICE?*

ANYWHERE, 'TASHA.

YOU SAID YOU KNEW THE TRUTH?

I *RECOGNIZE* THIS POWER CLOAK HAS.

IT IS NOT HIS *OWN.*

HIS OWN MYSTICAL POWERS ARE *QUITE* PRODIGIOUS.

BUT NOT ENOUGH TO CREATE *THIS.*

DEAR GOD...

THIS PLACE WITHIN IS *NOT* A WORLD OF CLOAK'S CREATION.

IT IS A CONDUIT, A ***PATHWAY*** TO ANOTHER LARGER UNIVERSE.

THIS DARK VISION OF MANHATTAN IS BUT A ***SUBURB*** OF THAT UNIVERSE.

WE'RE LOOKING INTO ANOTHER ***WORLD?***

A ***GATEWAY*** THAT GROWS ***LARGER*** WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT.

AND JUST AS THE EVIL FROM THIS PLANE CONSUMES CLOAK — SO IT WILL CONSUME THE REALITY WE CALL ***HOME.***

"IT IS A UNIVERSE AS VAST AND COMPLEX AS OUR *OWN*.

"WITH ITS OWN *RULES* OF SCIENCE.

"ITS *OWN* LAWS OF PHYSICS.

"IT IS POPULATED BY COUNTLESS *BILLIONS* OF SENTIENT CREATURES.

"AND RULED BY *ONE*.

"IN A COSMOLOGY OF PURE EVIL, HE IS *KING*.

"HE IS CALLED **NIGHTMARE.**

"AND HE WAS NOT GIVEN THAT NAME *LIGHTLY*."

TO BE CONTINUED!

Shadowcat